

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An automated prescriptions dispensing system includes a patient interface portion, a dispensing portion and a control portion. The dispensing portion holds and dispenses medication. The control portion tracks the medication and controls dispensing and the patient interface portion enables a patient to input information to cause the medication to be dispensed. The control portion can also be used to verify refill prescriptions which exceed the number originally authorized. It can also be used to send information to a central processing station which fills the prescriptions and returns them to the local pharmacy.